

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

Board Meeting March 3, 2008

The Board Meeting for the Georgia State Board of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology was held on Monday, March 3, 2008, at the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:	Others Present:
Elizabeth (Beth) Larrimore, President Denise Sheppard – via conference call Andrea Boswell Susan Daughtry Lori Smith Terri Williams	Anita Martin, Executive Director Eva Holmes, Board Secretary Janet Wray, Board Attorney Susan Hewett, Application Specialist

Beth Larrimore established that a quorum was present and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m., was **called to order** at 10:05 a.m.

Review of February 4, 2008 board meeting minutes.

- Board response: Lori Smith moved to **approve** the minutes. Susan Daughtry seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ratify list of licenses – Board response: Susan Daughtry moved to **approve** the list. Lori Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

<i>License Number</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>License Type</i>
AUD003794	Parr, Susan Jane	Audiologist
PCET001302	Wood, Margaret Fairley	PCE Temporary License
PCET001303	Wiegand, Lara Ansley	PCE Temporary License
PCET001304	Williams, Whitney Alison	PCE Temporary License
PCET001305	Davis, Heather Lequisha	PCE Temporary License
PCET001306	Friedmann, Anne Kristina	PCE Temporary License
PCET001307	Long, Lindsey Brooke	PCE Temporary License
PCET001308	Hester, Whitney Beth	PCE Temporary License
PCET001309	West, Amy Marie	PCE Temporary License
RPE000005	Moses, Susan Abigail	RPE Temporary License
SLPA000169	Engelhard, Lauren Marie	Speech Pathologist Aide

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SLP006804	Banks, Robert Shannon	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006805	Pickens, Ashanta Deshaun	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006806	Blake, Lisa Michelle	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006807	Stewart, Martha P	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006808	Joslyn, Lindsay Elizabeth	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006809	Taylor, Julie Anne	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006810	Anderson, Rachel Ann	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006811	Hamilton, Karen Ann	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006812	Holliday, Amanda Waters	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006813	Dowless, Sara Louise	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006814	Patton, Mary Amelia	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006815	Moore, Calista Florance-Ann	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006816	Frilingos, Elizabeth Anne	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLP006817	Schwalbe, Sharyn Faith	Speech-Language Pathologist
	Reinstatements	
SLP005855	Brogan, Susan Christine	Speech-Language Pathologist
AUD001318	Kroll, Deborah Lisa Rose	Audiologist
SLP005222	Finke, Mathilde Evans	Speech-Language Pathologist

Consideration of Board Rule 609-6-.01.

- Board response: Andrea Boswell moved to **table** discussion until the next meeting. Lori Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Considered petition from Toni Miller requesting waiver of Board Rule 609-8-.03.

- Board response: Lori Smith moved to **deny** the request. Andrea Boswell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Ms. Miller has not been in practice for eight (8) years and observations cannot be considered for reinstatement. Therefore, the applicant must submit twenty (20) acceptable hours of continuing education and take and pass the PRAXIS exam.

Miscellaneous:

- Discussion of several application issues as follows:
 - CEU's provided by RN's in hospital settings must meet the criteria as outlined in Board Rule 609-7-.01.
 - Ms. Smith will check with AAA to see if there is a listing of approved Audiology Assistant training programs.
 - Applications for SLP Aides and Audiology Assistants who have had training before board approval can be issued with a letter of concern to the applicant and a strong letter of concern to the supervisor about aiding unlicensed practice.
 - The Board voted to update the newsletter on the web-site to provide the new Audiology Assistant requirements.

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- Applications from graduates from the unaccredited West Georgia College and State University are to be brought before the board for review.
- Ms. Boswell informed the board that she will not be able to attend the April meeting in person but can attend via conference call.
- Ms. Larrimore informed the board that she will not be able to attend the May meeting.
- Ms. Larrimore requested to have the Election of Officers placed on the next appropriate agenda.

Executive Director Report – Ms. Anita Martin

- Board Rule 609-3-.03
 - *Board response:* Susan Daughtry moved to **post** board rule. Terri Williams seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

609-3-.03 Recency of Study Requirements for Licensure by Examination for Audiology on January 1, 2007 or after.

~~In order for an applicant to demonstrate recency of study the applicant must have completed a minimum of two continuing education units within the two (2) years preceding the date the application is received by the Board.~~

In order to be considered for licensure as an audiologist on or after January 1, 2007, the applicant must satisfy the following requirements:

(a) For Doctoral Degree applicants

1. Education Requirements. Applicants whose degree was earned on or after January 1, 2007, must have earned a doctoral degree program with a major emphasis in audiology that addresses the knowledge and skills pertinent to the profession of audiology, from an institution of higher learning that is, or at the time the applicant was enrolled and graduated was, accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or its successor organization.
2. Clinical Practicum Requirements. Applicants submit certified evidence of completion of post-baccalaureate directly supervised clinical practicum with cases representative of a wide spectrum of ages and communicative disorders within the first three years of doctoral degree program.
3. Required Professional Experience. Applicants must complete one of the following:
 - (i) certified evidence of completion of having obtained the required professional experience that is equivalent to a minimum of 12 months of full-time, supervised clinical practicum. The required professional experience must be approved by an academic program. The students must obtain a variety of clinical practicum experiences in different work settings and with different populations so that the applicant can demonstrate skills across the scope of practice of audiology. Acceptable required professional experience includes clinical and administrative activities directly related to patient care. A calendar week of clinical practicum is defined as a minimum of 35 hours per calendar week in direct patient/client contact, consultation, record keeping, and administrative duties relevant to audiology service delivery. The required professional experience must be obtained within an accredited program or one of its cooperating programs.
 - (ii) A paid clinical experience that meets the requirements of Rule 609-3-.04(a)1, for Masters Degree audiology licensure candidates.

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4. Examination. The applicant shall be required to pass an examination as specified in Board Rules.

5. Recency of Study. In order for an applicant to demonstrate recency of study he/she must have completed a minimum of two continuing education units within the two (2) years preceeding the date the application is received by the Board.

b. For Master's Degree applicants

1. Educational Requirements

(i) Applicants shall have earned a master's degree with a major emphasis in audiology which was conferred before January 1, 2007, from an institution of higher learning which was, at the time the applicant was enrolled and graduated, accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or its successor organization.

(ii) Applicants shall submit certified evidence of the completion of a minimum of 75 semester hours of academic credit from one or more accredited programs constituting a well-integrated program that includes classes that reflect a well integrated program of study dealing with the nature, prevention, evaluation, and treatment of hearing and related disorders. At least thirty-six (36) hours of these academic credit must be earned at the graduate level from an accredited program.

(iii) some of the academic coursework must address issues pertaining to normal and abnormal human development and behavior across the life span and to culturally diverse populations.

2. Clinical Practicum Requirement

(i) Applicants shall submit certified evidence of completion of at least 25 clock hours of supervised clinical observation and 375 clock hours of directly supervised clinical practicum with cases representative of a wide spectrum of ages and communicative disorders across the scope of practice of audiology. At least 325 of the 400 hours must be completed at the graduate level.

(ii) Applicants shall submit certified evidence of direct clinical experiences in both diagnosis and treatment with children and adults. The supervised practicum must include experience in a variety of settings with client populations across the life span from culturally/linguistic diverse backgrounds and with various types and severities of communication problems and related disorders, differences and disabilities.

3. Required Professional Experience. Applicants shall complete a paid clinical experience pursuant to Rule 609-3-.04(a)1.

4. The applicant shall be required to pass an examination as specified in Board Rules.

5. Recency of Study. In order for an applicant to demonstrate recency of study he/she must have completed a minimum of two continuing education units within the two (2) years preceeding the date the application is received by the Board.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-44-3, 43-44-6, 43-44-8, 43-44-10, and 43-44-11.

The Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the applicable laws as provided by the Attorney General's office.

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The board also voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of the applicable laws to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(3)(A)(B)(C)(D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

- Presented reinstatement consent order on Teri L. Parkman, AUD001432, citing a period of unlicensed practice from April 1, 2007 through January 15, 2008.
- Requested board to ratify decision to accept reinstatement consent order on Toni M. Landau, AUD003747, citing a period of unlicensed practice from April 1, 2007 through November 13, 2007.
 - Board response: Andrea Boswell moved to **accept** the consent orders. Lori Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Attorney General Report – Ms. Janet Wray

The Board was informed that she didn't have enough information to provide advice to them concerning the sale of hearing aids via mail order or the internet. The board voted to close the matter with the AG's office and have the Executive Director to conduct research with the Hearing Aid Board.

Executive Session:

Susan Daughtry made a motion, Lori Smith seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A §43-1-19(h)(2) and §43-1-2(k) to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Andrea Boswell and Terri Williams. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and continue with the public session.

Applications:

- H.P.F. – PCE/SLP Applicant
 - Recommendation: approved
- I.C. – Speech applicant
 - Recommendation: denied

Cognizant Report – Dr. Lori Smith

- SLPA080005 –
 - Recommendation: close with no violation

Andrea Boswell moved to **approve** the recommendations made in the Executive Session. Lori Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2008 at **10:00 a.m.**

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Eva Holmes, Board Secretary

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director